

## **St Fillans Community Council**

### **Minutes of the St Fillans Community Council Meeting**

Wednesday 27th September 2017

Sandison Hall, St Fillans

#### **Welcome**

Chairman Richard Graham welcomed 16 villagers, Cllr Rhona Brock, Cllr Roz McColl, Donald Florence (Police Scotland), Billy Ranald (National Park), CC members Don Forrester (Treasurer), Jacquie Harris (Secretary), Dave Pryde and Brad Sol to the meeting.

#### **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Andrea Hudspeth, Cllr Stuart Donaldson, Ian & Cathy Moncrieff, Sally Watson, Fraser Ballantyne, Carol Graham, Lorna Kennelly, Trish Forrester, Lynda Pryde, Liz Cunningham and Isobel Howell.

#### **Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting in September were Proposed as a true record by Johnson Brown and Seconded by Steve Howell.

#### **Matters Arising**

#### **Police Report**

With the exception of a couple of bike thefts from the caravan park in August, there have been no recent incidents to report. It should also be noted that a dog was recently shot on farmland in Comrie after disturbing sheep. Dog owners are urged to keep their dogs under control in farmland areas.

#### **Planning**

There are no planning applications of note in the village.

#### **Matters Arising**

#### **Andrew Martin**

A celebration of Andrew Martin's life took place on the 8th September in Comrie. It was very well attended, and he will be missed by many in the village.

#### **Railway Path**

Initial visitor numbers on the Railway Path have been very encouraging with over 6000 walkers and over 2000 cyclists using the path over the last few months. There remains an ongoing dispute with a landowner over building the pathway over their land at the west of the village. A meeting will be held shortly with the stakeholders in order to resolve the dispute.

#### **BEAR**

RG has been in touch with Bear re street lighting and confirmed that the lights at the east end of the village will be upgraded. The issue surrounding the quality of the recent pavement upgrade is yet to be resolved. The Councillors are in continued discussions with Tommy Deans from Bear on this.

#### **200th Anniversary Celebrations**

The 200th year anniversary of the naming of St Fillans was a great success, with a successful village festive weekend (see below) and also a 'Timeline of St Fillans Exhibition', curated by Jim Brierley. The exhibition was so successful that efforts will be made to find a permanent home for it.

### **Telephone Directory**

DF reported. Due to a lack of funds, the CC will apply to the Community Trust for £200 to fund the printing of an updated village telephone directory. In the meantime, a soft copy will be made available on the village website (password protected).

### **Xmas Tree Lights**

RG explained again that due to safety concerns it will not be possible to decorate the tree at the Field of Hope with Xmas lights. He invited suggestions on alternative ideas of Xmas lighting for the village.

### **Broadband Update**

BS gave an update. The proposed satellite options for broadband remains cost prohibitive - even if 10 households signed up the cost would still be approx. £108 per month. Meanwhile the BT fibre upgrade is due to be completed by March 2019.

### **Tayside Surgical Services**

DF gave a personal viewpoint on the proposed changes to Tayside surgical services. Further information is available on the village website.

### **Village Working Groups**

#### **Garden Group**

Eric Kennelly reported. The group are continuing in their efforts to tidy up around the village.

#### **Path Group**

Geoff Hardman Carter reported. Phase 3 of the railway path is now complete. Resurfacing of the pathway between Tynereoch and Dalchonzie is underway. Signage needs to be erected at points between Comrie and St Fillans to alert cyclists and walkers of the path (this needs to be approved by Transport Scotland). Funding is yet to be allocated for phase 4 of the railway path at Glenbeich.

#### **Festive Committee**

DP reported. The festive weekend was a great success with all events sold out. Profits will go towards funding the village fireworks display, to be held on Friday 3rd November. A £250 donation will also be made to the Scottish Air Ambulance charity. Dave announced that himself, Don Forrester and Jo Steventon had made the decision to resign from the Festive Committee, and asked if anyone would be interested to join.

#### **Play Park Group**

Final plans and costings are being drawn up for the park, and the work will shortly be put into the PKC tendering process. Work is due to begin in January 2018.

#### **A.O.B**

- Isobel Howell will no longer be writing the St Fillans contribution for the Villager magazine. If anyone is interested to take over, they should contact Isobel.
- The village trailer is now required to have a permit in order for it to be used at council recycling centre in Crieff.

#### **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for November 22nd 2017.

Jacque Harris  
Secretary St Fillans Community Council